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**Washington State  
Department of Transportation**

# **Lewis & Clark Bridge Painter Open House**

## **Public Meeting**

**Longview, WA**  
Wednesday, March 22  
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Longview PUD Room  
961 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## **What color will the new paint be?**

Steel Grey (the same color the bridge is now).

## **Why can't it be another color?**

Steel Grey has been the historic color of the bridge. It will remain the same color to help preserve its historic integrity.

## **What is the purpose of this Open House?**

WSDOT is hosting the open house to introduce the project and educate the public on traffic impacts.

## **What is this project?**

The project will clean and paint all steel on the Lewis and Clark Bridge (a.k.a. Longview/Rainier Bridge). The bridge spans the Columbia River on State Route 433, and connects State Route 432 in Longview, WA with US 30 in Rainier, OR.

## **Why is this project necessary?**

The Lewis and Clark Bridge was last painted in 1984. The paint provides a protective coating for the steel on the bridge. Over the last 20 years, the paint has started to wear off, which allows moisture to corrode and rust the exposed steel. This project will help prevent rust or corrosion from weakening the bridge.

## **Why didn't WSDOT paint the bridge while the deck was being replaced in 2002-2004?**

During the deck replacement project, the contractor did apply the first primer coat of paint to all new steel beams located under the deck. It was impossible to paint the entire bridge at the same time deck panels were being replaced because of the short, 8-hour work window available to the contractor each night.

## **How will traffic be impacted during construction?**

- Closing one lane of the bridge to traffic at night 9:30pm - 5:30am, Sun. - Thurs., 10:00pm - 7:00am, Fri., and 11:00pm - 8:00am, Sat.
- Shifting traffic to one side of the bridge during the day.
- There will be no closures on holidays or after 12:00pm (noon) prior to a holiday, and every effort will be made to keep the bridge open during local special events.



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### How can I get more information?

Facts, history, timelines and specific project information is available on the Lewis and Clark Bridge Painter Web page at:  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR433/LewisClarkBridgePainter/](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/projects/SR433/LewisClarkBridgePainter/)

For general WSDOT construction information, visit the Construction Office's Web Page at:  
[www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/southwest/construction](http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/regions/southwest/construction)

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### Project Facts

- The Lewis and Clark Bridge spans the Columbia River between Longview, WA and Rainier, OR.
- The Lewis and Clark Bridge is approximately one mile long and was built in 1929.
- Famed engineer, Joseph B. Strauss, designed this historic steel bridge. Strauss also designed San Francisco's Golden Gate Bridge.
- Project costs for the bridge painter are being split evenly between Washington and Oregon.
- Total estimated project cost: \$15 - \$20 million